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1. Most of the FDJ functionaries from "western Germany" who in either late November or early December 1950 returned from Berlin where they participated in the first FDJ functionary conference on 26 November 1950 were furnished with new windproof jackets, new blue shirts, and skiing caps. They were issued these items by the FDJ Zentralverband in Berlin.
2. In addition to these items several FDJ functionaries also had received cap insignia and epaulets of the Volkspolizei. One FDJ functionary had a silver cap band. *
3. All these FDJ functionaries had SED propaganda literature such as books, pamphlets, and newspapers with them.

* Comment. The Volkspolizei insignia seen with "western German FDJ functionaries indicate that FDJ members from "western Germany are being incorporated in the Volkspolizei. This has been confirmed to some extent by information received in mid-1950, which stated that individual FDJ members receive training in the Volkspolizei.

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